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In re Patent Application of

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For: NUCLEIC ACID PROBES AND  
BROAD-RANGE PRIMERS FROM  
REGIONS IN DNA DIRECTED RNA  
POLYMERASE SUBUNIT B GENES, AND  
METHODS IN WHICH THEY ARE USED

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows: